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December 2019



Mayor Kristie S. Overson

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

For me, the chance to give a gift is among the highlights of the holiday season, and I know that I am not alone. In Taylorsville, we have taken to heart the wise words of St. Francis of Assisi: "For it is in giving that we receive." We know that the happiest people are not those getting more but those giving more.

The gesture of acquiring, preparing and bestowing something of value to friends and family around the holidays is a time-honored tradition extending thousands of years. "Giving presents at Christmas is a Christian tradition that is widely practiced around the world," according to an article on the history of gift-giving by Gifts International. "But the practice is not exclusive to Christianity. Several other religions mark the end of the year with a similar custom, such as Hanukkah or the Hindu celebration of Pancha Ganapat."

Likewise, we in Taylorsville are a giving community, and it's not only at Christmastime. I have experienced this kindness and generosity throughout the year, and saw it again just this past month at a silent auction and bake sale organized by 13-year-old Toby Tirell of Taylorsville, who is raising money to purchase ballistic vests for police dogs (see story on Page 5). Toby's desire to give is truly inspiring.

At City Hall, we also have organized a citywide Holiday Giving drive for items to donate to the Golden Living Center this year. Items are being collected at the receptionist's desk on the second floor. Please consider donating a gift for seniors living at the center, such as a \$5 McDonald's gift card, blankets for laps, scarves, easy-on slippers, candy, shampoo, lotion, washcloths, soda for bingo prizes, teddy bears or grabber tools.

Additionally, I know that residents across the city are generously donating their time and talents at this time of year. Volunteers gathered on recent evenings at the Taylorsville Food Pantry, for instance, to stuff bags with food for those in need during the holidays, and Granite Education Foundation's Santa Sacks program has worked to help lighten the holiday load of low-income families in the school district (See more at www.granitekids.org). Many others, still, have given their talents at community holiday concerts and performances, which I have immensely enjoyed.

Thank you to all; it means so much to me that I live in a community where giving is the essence of who we are. I extend to you every wish for a very Merry Christmas, happy holidays and a joyous New Year!

-Mayor Kristie S. Overson

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Celebrate the Holidays with Events, Giving



Plenty of opportunities are available to celebrate the holidays this year in Taylorsville — from attending events and musical performances to giving to holiday donation drives.

At the top of the list is the annual Saturday with Santa event, sponsored by the Taylorsville Preservation Committee, with support of the Parks and Recreation Committee and Cultural Diversity Committee. The day promises plenty of fun for everyone — from children's crafts, games and tasty treats to guest singers and

choirs. There will be participation prizes for the kids, hot chocolate, wassail and more. Of course, Santa will be there, too!

It is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 7, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Taylorsville-Bennion Heritage Museum, 1488 W. 4800 South (See more on Page 5).

The Taylorsville-SLCC Symphony Orchestra will perform its Winter Concert on Friday, Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m. at Bennion Junior High. Get into a festive spirit with a free night of music. (See more on Page 7).

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Consider a Donation to the Taylorsville Food Pantry

Volunteers at the Taylorsville Food Pantry gathered over two evenings to stuff bags full of food for those in need during the holidays. The sacks were given out to 75 families along with a turkey for Thanksgiving, and 75 more will be given again with a turkey or ham for Christmas.

"We have the best volunteers in the world," said warehouse manager Sue Lane on one recent evening at the pantry. Twelve volunteers pitched in to stuff the bags for Thanksgiving, setting up an assembly line to complete the job in less than an hour. Sacks were piled high with food, ready to be picked up.

The Taylorsville Food Pantry, located at 4775 S. Plymouth View Drive, is open on Mondays from 1 to 3 p.m., Wednesdays, 4 to 6 p.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to noon.

Each month, the pantry provides food to about 1,200 people, and for Thanksgiving they gave away the gift bags filled with stuffing, cans of olives and green beans, pumpkin and pineapple, cranberry sauce, cream of chicken soup,



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	Emergency	911
nergenc	Unified Police Department Dispatch	801-743-7000
	(Non-Emergencies)	
	Fire Department	801-743-7200
튭	Poison Control Center	1-800-222-1222
mbers	Animal Control Shelter Animal Control After Hours Dispatch	801 -965 -5800 801 -840 -4000
	Building Inspection	801 -955 -2030
	Chamber West (Chamber of Commerce) Gang Tip Line	801 -977 -8755 385 -468 -9768
	Garbage/Recycle/GreenWaste Pick-up (Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling)	385 -468 -6325
	Granite School District Health Department	385 -646 -5000 385 -468 -4100
	Highway Conditions (from cell phone)	511
를	Park Reservations	385 -468 -7275
Frequently Called	Public Works (Salt Lake County)	385 -468 -6101
	Questar	801 -324 - 5000
	Rocky Mountain Power	888 -221-7070
	Salt Lake County Recycling/Landfill	801 -974 -6920
	Taylorsville - Bennion Imp. District	801 -968 -9081
	Taylorsville Food Pantry Taylorsville Senior Center	801 -815 -0003 385-468-3370
	Taylorsville Neighborhood Compliance	801 -955 -2013
	Taylorsville Justice Court	801 -963 -0268
	Taylorsville Library	801 -943 -4636
	Taylorsville Recreation Center	385 -468 -1732
	Swimming Pool (Memorial Day to Labor Day)	801 -967 -5006
	Taylorsville -Bennion Heritage Center	801 -281 -0631
	UDOT Region 2	801 -975 -4900
	Utah Transit Authority (UTA)	801 -743 -3882

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The City of Taylorsville also has organized a citywide Holiday Giving drive for items to donate to the Golden Living Center this year. Items are being collected at the receptionist's desk on the second floor. Seniors living at the center are in need of the following items:

- \$5 McDonald's gift card (The center often takes the seniors to McDonald's, which they really enjoy).
- Blankets for laps
- Scarves
- Easy-on slippers with backs
- Candy
- Shampoo, lotion and washcloths
- Soda for bingo prizes (The residents especially like Dr. Pepper, Coke and Mountain Dew).
- Teddy bears
- Grabber tools

City Hall has been decorated for the holidays by the Youth Council, as is tradition. Youth Council members set up the large tree in the foyer and placed the ornaments. Outside, city crews have strung thousands of green, white and red lights. It took a couple of days for city workers to string the lights, including the large Christmas trees out front, snowflakes on light poles and strings of lights along the roofline.



In keeping with tradition, last year's Youth Council trims the tree at City Hall.

In addition, the city is supporting Granite Education Foundation's Santa Sacks program, which works to help lighten the holiday load of low-income families in the school district. Now in its tenth year, the program is expected to bring the magic of the holidays to nearly 3,500 students in the school district where 65 percent live at or below poverty level. A list of needed items can be found at www.granitekids.org or at Amazon.com under the @Santa Sack's wish list.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

TAYLORSVILLE EVENTS

Dec. 4 – 6:30 p.m.

City Council Meeting @ City Hall

Dec. 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Taylorsville Symphony Orchestra Performance @ Bennion Junior High School. (See Page 7)

Dec. 7 – 2 to 4 p.m.

Saturday with Santa @ Taylorsville-Bennion Heritage Center. (See Page 5)

Dec. 10 – 6 p.m.

Planning Commission Meeting @ City Hall

Dec. 24 – Afternoon

Christmas Eve. City Hall closes at noon.

Dec. 25 – All day

Christmas. City Hall is closed.

Dec. 31 – Afternoon

New Year's Eve. City Hall closes at noon.

Jan. 1 – Afternoon

New Year's Day. City Hall is closed.

Find a full calendar of events every month on the city's website, where you can also submit your own events for possible publication. Go to www.taylorsvilleut.gov.

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canned milk, wheat thins and sweet potatoes. Samples of ibuprofen and Tylenol also were thrown in for good measure. "After a long day, they're probably going to need it," Lane said with a smile.

Thanks to a generous donation of \$3,000 from Coldwell Banker, the pantry was able to purchase the turkeys to give away. Representatives from the Coldwell Banker Foundation planned

to present a large cardboard check at the City Council's December meeting. The pantry relies almost exclusively on donations to provide for those in need.

For Christmas, the pantry is seeking donations of hams, mandarin oranges, Raman noodles, macaroni and cheese cups and instant oatmeal. The instant meals are needed, in particular, for children who will not be able to eat at school during the holidays. "When school's out, a lot of the little kids have to fend for themselves," Lane said.



The pantry stocks its shelves with donations from the Utah Food Bank, which sends two deliveries a month, as well as contributions from churches and private donations from individuals and businesses. Many grocery stores also donate food to the food bank, which brings some of those items to the pantry.

To receive food at the Taylorsville Food Pantry, one must be a Taylorsville resident (most neighboring communities also have pantry-like services where their residents can receive food) and fall within income guidelines. The maximum monthly income for a family of four, for example, is \$3,075.

The Taylorsville Food Pantry was started in a trailer park in 2003 and moved to its current location after the city provided space. The Taylorsville Food Pantry provides two days of food per visit, and visits are limited to four times per month.

Find more information about the pantry, including how to volunteer and donate, at: www.taylorsvillefoodpantry.org

COUNCIL CORNER

By Council Member Ernest Burgess

As we gather with friends and family during this holiday season, I am reminded how important it is to show our gratitude and appreciation for each other. I never want to take anyone for granted.

Our Taylorsville home is made up of so many dedicated, caring people who each are working to make our community the best it can be. We, as a Council, appreciate those contributions so very much. While we may approach things differently or carry perspectives that vary, we each serve on the City Council for the same reasons — because we care a great deal about our community and the people who live and work here, as well as those who visit or are simply passing through.

I am reminded of a beautiful Christmas story, titled "The Gold Wrapping Paper." The story describes a father who was working very hard just to keep food on the table for his family. One Christmas, he scolded his 5-year-old daughter after learning she had used up the family's expensive roll of gold wrapping paper to cover an empty shoe box.

The little girl, replying to her father on Christmas morning, whispered, "Daddy, it's not empty. I blew kisses in it until it was all full." Of course, the father was crushed and begged for his little daughter's forgiveness.

The story tugs on my heartstrings each time I read it. It helps me remember how essential it is to be appreciative of others and that they really do care. Sometimes we get busy and we forget to help people and be kind. But sometimes we only get one chance.

It is hard for me to talk about but I still clearly remember the last time I saw my own father. I was only

Wishing You Peace and Joy This Season

13-years-old. Before leaving the house, he told me to mind my mom. Those were the last words he said to me. There were some wires that were supposed to have been raised but were not. I'm still not sure exactly what happened but he became tangled in those power lines while doing some work.

Of course, I wish that I could celebrate the Christmas season with my father once more. The loss of loved ones impresses the point even more powerfully that we must treasure and cherish all of those around us. Sometimes, we may face disagreement. We may not always see eye to eye. But we certainly are more similar than different.

Maya Angelou put it perfectly in her poem, the "Human Family":

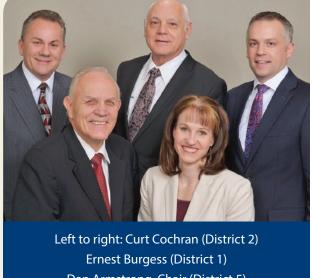
I note the obvious differences in the human family. Some of us are serious, some thrive on comedy.

Some declare their lives are lived as true profundity, and others claim they really live the real reality....

note the obvious differences between each sort and type, but we are more alike, my friends, than we are unalike.

We are more alike, my friends, than we are unalike.

We are more alike, my friends, than we are unalike.



Left to right: Curt Cochran (District 2)
Ernest Burgess (District 1)
Dan Armstrong, Chair (District 5)
Meredith Harker, Vice Chair (District 4)
Brad Christopherson (District 3)

Forgive me for waxing sentimental. Perhaps, it is the season that causes me to reflect. I am grateful for this wonderful time of year that brings people together.

It is my hope that we treasure what is truly important. Tell those around you how much you care; think of them fondly, as well-meaning and in the best light. Give others the benefit of the doubt. There is great joy in discovering that the best present is the presence of those we love. I and my fellow Council Members extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to you. We wish good tidings to you now and throughout the New Year!

Sunflower Studio Offers Yoga, Meditation and Fitness Classes

Taylorsville has a new yoga studio. Sunflower Studio has opened at 6357 S. Redwood Road, unit F.

The new business was celebrated with a Ribbon Cutting this past month held by city officials and ChamberWest. Owner DeAnna Silcox said the studio provides an inclusive, nurturing place where your physical and emotional well-being are safe to explore.

"Life as a human being can be quite the ride, can't it?" she notes. "Ups, downs, lefts, rights, sometimes awesome, sometimes not so much. Finding such a place, can be a breath of fresh air!"



Sunflower Studio cultivates an epic, fun, chill atmosphere to support all who enter the doors in nourishing acceptance for this life's wild ride. It is currently offering yoga, mindfulness meditations, fitness classes (with a disco ball), sound baths and other health promoting workshops. Contact Sunflower Studio by phone at 801-856-6203 for more information, or look to their website at www.SunflowerStudioUtah.com

You can also follow the studio on Instagram @sunflower studio Utah, or Facebook @Sunflower Studio Utah

City Welcomes Twisted Sugar with Ribbon Cutting

Twisted Sugar is open for business in Taylorsville.

City officials and ChamberWest representatives welcomed Twisted Sugar with a Ribbon Cutting on Saturday at its new location, 3544 W. 6200 South, suite 101. Twisted Sugar bakes cookies fresh daily and serves up a variety of delicious sodas.

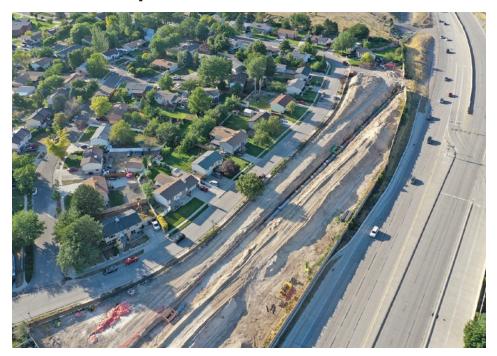
In all, it offers more than 18 flavors of cookies and over 70 drink combinations. You can also create your own drink flavors.

Hours are Monday through Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Other Utah locations include Syracuse, Layton, Centerville and Saratoga Springs. See more at: www.heytwistedsugar.com





Crews Work to Move Aqueduct at 6200 South



Utah Department of Transportation crews spent the fall working to move an aqueduct near 6200 South and Bangerter Highway in advance of the construction of a freeway-style interchange there.

The aqueduct work resulted in the one-week closure of road near the intersection in October and some lane closures in November. The segment of the Jordan Aqueduct is being relocated in preparation of the new interchange at 6200 South and Bangerter Highway. Construction has occurred primarily on the west side of Bangerter Highway and is now complete.

The interchange construction phase will begin in spring 2020.

Over the past few months, crews worked to place a 78-inch pipe on the north and south sides of the project corridor and a 36-inch water line under Bangerter Highway. Work also included the installation of a new turnout vault to provide water to the existing pipe.

You can view a photo gallery showing the magnitude of the work on the city's website at www.taylorsvilleut.gov.

UDOT is currently reaching out to property owners to conduct right-of-way negotiations on property acquisitions ahead of the planned construction schedule of the interchange. Property owners can expect to be contacted by UDOT representatives within the next few months. The latest information, as well as contact information, can be found on UDOT's website at www.udot.utah.gov/bangerter6200south/

The aqueduct relocation will shave a year off the construction time of the interchange. The 6200 South interchange is expected to be complete in 2020 while other interchanges along the highway will take two years to finish.



New Bangerter Interchange Eases Commute Times

The new Bangerter Highway interchange at the 5400 South, as well as those at 7000 South, 9000 South, and 11400 South, have significantly shortened commute times. The work has resulted in better traffic flows to not only Bangerter Highway but also its cross streets.

Prior to the projects, the travel time from I-80 to I-15 would take an average 42 minutes during the evening commute. This has been reduced by eight minutes to 34 minutes, according to UDOT. Traffic analysis projects this to be reduced to 22 minutes once Bangerter becomes a full freeway.

As one of our valley's largest north-south corridors, Bangerter Highway moves an average of 58,000 vehicles per day. With continued growth on the west side of the Salt Lake Valley, that number is expected to double by 2040 and without major improvements, delays would increase by four times over the next 25 years.

The Utah Department of Transportation is making improvements at various intersections along Bangerter Highway to reduce travel times and congestion, connect communities, and improve overall safety along the corridor.

To meet the current and future needs of drivers and nearby communities, UDOT is replacing traditional intersections with grade-separated interchanges. Grade-separated interchanges allow one street to pass over the other. By removing traffic signals and creating fewer interruptions, traffic will move more freely and at speeds that are more consistent in all directions.

In December 2018, the Transportation Commission accelerated funding for the next phase of construction on Bangerter Highway. The funding includes new interchanges at 6200 South, 10400 South and 12600 South.





Please remember these winter parking restrictions:

- No Overnight Winter Parking (November April) for Snow Removal (City Code 11.20.130)
- No Parking for more than 24 Consecutive Hours (11.20.135)
- No Large Truck or Trailer Parking in Residential Area for more than three consecutive hours (11.20.060)
- No Parking for Repairs, Maintenance, or to Display for Sale (11.20.140)

Thank you and stay safe!

13-year-old Taylorsville Boy Raises Money to Protect K-9s

Toby Tirell wants to be a police officer when he grows up and hopes to be assigned to the K-9 unit. It is one of the reasons the 13-year-old Taylorsville boy held a silent auction and bake sale this past month.

Specifically, he organized the event to earn money for ballistic vests for UPD K-9s. "They protect us so we need to protect them," he said. Toby said he had heard a news report about two years ago when a K-9 with the Unified Police Department was shot and killed.

"It was because he didn't have a vest," he said. "I don't want that to happen again."

Toby is a Boy Scout and is working on earning the highest rank of Eagle, which requires that Scouts set goals and organize a community project. Toby decided upon the silent auction for K-9s as that



project. He contacted the Unified Police Department about their needs and then went to a company that sells the vests, where he secured a discount from the supplier. Of course, his mom and dad and Scout troop, as well as the community at large, have helped along the way, he added.

"We ended up raising \$1,800" from the silent auction on Nov. 8, said Toby, who will continue accepting donations through mid-December. He hopes to be able to purchase two vests for the UPD

K-9s. You can donate to the project by contacting Toby on Facebook @Tobys K9 Eagle Project.

Mayor Overson and Police Chief Tracy Wyant were among those attending the auction. Chief Wyant, who purchased a pig sculpture at the sale, said the effort is greatly appreciated. "We can't thank Toby enough for his concern and effort," he said.

Mayor Overson agreed. "Toby's thoughtfulness and care for our community is truly inspiring," said Mayor Overson. "The youth in Taylorsville are amazing."

Toby is a student at Bennion Junior High School.

Police Chief Encourages Schoolchildren to Avoid Drugs and Alcohol

Police Chief Tracy Wyant paid a recent visit to Calvin Smith Elementary School, where he spoke with third-grade classes for Red Ribbon Week.

Chief Wyant of the Unified Police Department's Taylorsville Precinct talked about making good choices, staying healthy and avoiding drugs and alcohol. He said he always enjoys meeting with

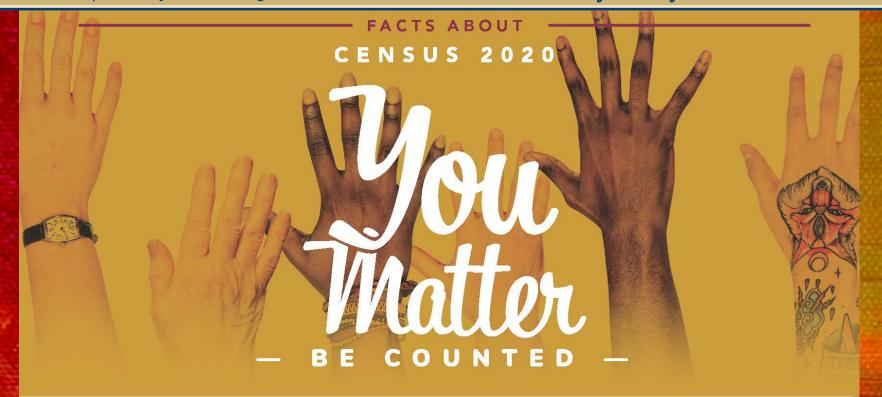
the children, and Council Member Meredith Harker who teaches third-grade at the school thanked him for taking the time to come to the school to talk about an important subject.

"We are so grateful for all that the chief and Police Department do for us and our city," she said.

Red Ribbon Week encourages students to remain drug-free. It was started in 1985 and is aimed at mobilizing communities in educating youth about the dangers of drugs and alcohol. The campaign is observed annually in October.







WHAT IS THE CENSUS?

The U.S. Constitution requires the federal government count everyone living in the country every 10 years. The tally must include people of all ages, races, and ethnic groups; all citizens and non-citizens.

The Census is intended to count everyone in the place they usually reside. Every household should complete a census form – either online, or by mail or phone – by April 1, 2020.

Participating in the Census is the right and responsibility of all U.S. residents.

WHY DOES THE CENSUS MATTER?

Census data help shape the future of our community and determine our representation in all levels of government. Census information supports decision-making by both public agencies and private organizations. Critically, Census data are used to determine the allocation of federal funds to states for dozens of programs, including highway planning and construction, Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program, Head Start, and Section 8 housing assistance.

\$5.7 BILLION

FEDERAL FUNDING RECEIVED IN 2016 BY UTAH STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

THAT'S ABOUT \$1,870 PER PERSON

AN INACCURATE CENSUS COUNT COULD DEPRIVE UTAH AND SALT LAKE COUNTY RESIDENTS OF NEEDED RESOURCES

Statistics from the Counting for Dollars 2020 Project at The George Washington University's Institute of Public Policy, Jan. 30, 2019.

HOW CAN YOU PARTICIPATE?

The process is simple and straight-forward, although Census 2020 will be different from previous counts. It's important to know Census 2020 will be the first to be conducted primarily online; home visits by Census workers will be limited. Salt Lake County, cities, metro townships and partner organizations are working hard to make it as easy as possible for people to respond to the Census.



INTERNET RESPONSE

For the first time, Census 2020 will be conducted mostly online, benefiting some respondents, but raising concerns about technology difficulties and lack of internet access for many people.



LANGUAGE BARRIERS

The online Census questionnaire will be offered in multiple languages. However, English proficiency is required to navigate the system or request assistance. Salt Lake County and partner groups can help residents to navigate this barrier.



CONFIDENTIALITY

Your information is confidential. By law, the Census Bureau will never identify you individually. Title 13 of the U.S. Code protects the confidentiality of all your information and violating this law is a crime with severe penalties.

TO LEARN MORE VISIT: SLCO.ORG/CENSUS







First 'Idea House' in Taylorsville Shows Renovation Possibilities



The city's first "Idea House" has been completed. Located on Bitter Root Drive in Taylorsville, the house is the result of a renovation program that provides energy efficient, healthy and sustainable homes.

It is the result of a partnership between the City of Taylorsville and Salt Lake County, in conjunction with the Community Development Corporation of Utah (CDCU). The goal of the renovation program is to raise awareness of ways Taylorsville residents can reduce monthly energy expenses, with the additional goal of providing homeownership opportunities to residents while revitalizing aging houses.

Renovations may include roof replacement, energy-efficient windows and doors, appliance upgrades, plumbing repair, and hard floor installation to prevent asthma and allergies. Idea Houses are renovated using HOME and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and then sold to income qualifying Taylorsville residents.

Upon completion, these homes are displayed to the community through an open house, serving as models for renovations that can be implemented by existing homeowners. The Idea House in Taylorsville was listed for sale in the fall.

As part of the national Green and Healthy Homes Initiative, the Idea House program fulfills CDCU's mission by:

- Providing low- to moderate-income families with safe and healthy home environments
- Increasing surrounding home and business value and reducing crime
- Providing a model for safety and energy efficiency

CDCU is a non-profit organization that was founded in 1990. It has built or rehabilitated more than 400 homes throughout Utah and helped more than 4,000 families in over 125 Utah communities become homeowners.

If you are interested in learning more about the program, please contact CDCU at 801-994-7222 or visit **www.cdcutah.org**.

TAYLORSVILLE SENIOR CENTER

Upcoming Events for December:

- Birthday Tuesday Meal and Entertainment provided by Calvin Law: Tuesday, Dec. 3, entertainment at 11 a.m., meal at noon
- Snowman Winter Craft: Thursday, Dec. 5, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
- Entertainment Eisenhower Jr. High Choir Holiday Show: Monday, Dec. 9, 11 to 11:30 a.m.
- Step-by-Step Guided Acrylic Snowman Painting: Tuesday, Dec. 10, 1 to 3 p.m.
- Bone Health: Wednesday, Dec. 11, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
- Entertainment Salt City Rangers Holiday Party and Special Meal: Tuesday, Dec. 17, 11 a.m. to noon
- Good Grief, Creative Grief Processing: Thursday (3rd monthly), Dec. 19, 1 to 3 p.m.
- Entertainment Tony Summerhays Holiday Show: Monday, Dec. 23, 11 a.m. to noon



Drop by the center at 4743 Plymouth View Drive, or call 385-468-3371 for details.

Taylorsville-SLCC Symphony Orchestra

Winter Concert

Friday, Dec 6

Enjoy a FREE night of music!

7:30 p.m.

Bennion Junior High









DECEMBER WFWRD UPDATES

GREEN WASTE COLLECTION

The last pickup date for Green Waste Collection in 2019 for Taylorsville will be Thursday, Dec. 12. Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District reminds residents to not place the green cans out on the curb after that date. They will not be picked up nor emptied. The 2020 Green Waste Collection program for Taylorsville will resume Thursday, March 19, 2020.

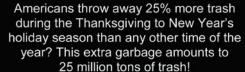


FOLLOW THE DISTRICT ON SOCIAL MEDIA

As we approach the cold, winter months, WFWRD experiences the possibility of bad weather affecting the ability to provide timely service to your neighborhood. Its Facebook and Twitter pages are the best way for residents and customers to find out if there could be a delay in service due to weather or traffic complications.

Please follow the district on Facebook and Twitter to stay apprised of these issues, and also to receive waste and recycling tips.









Although most paper-based products are recyclable, paper towels should not be recycled.

'Tis the Season to Prepare for Cold Weather

Cold and freezing weather is upon us and your plumbing may not like it. Pipes can freeze and burst causing some of the most expensive repairs in a home. So let's go over some of the basics to make sure you have them covered:

INSULATE EXPOSED PIPING

If you have any exposed water or drain piping in uninsulated spaces such as in a crawlspace, attic or outside walls, make sure to insulate them. Ideally, you should wrap them with electrical heating tape first, and then insulate them.

EXTERIOR FAUCETS

Also commonly known as hose bibs, exterior

faucets should be checked for leakage. Remember to disconnect your garden hoses from the outside faucets and drain the hose to prevent damage.

Also remember: If your property is going to be unoccupied for several months, consider shutting off the water supply valve inside the home. If a leak were to occur without occupancy, the damage could be catastrophic and very expensive.

LASTLY, A PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec.18 at 2 p.m. at the Taylorsville-Bennion Improvement District office, 1800 W. 4700 South.



QUESTIONS?

Please contact Taylorsville-Bennion Improvement District by calling 801-968-9081 or visiting www.tbid.org.

You can also follow the district on Facebook and Twitter.

Green Committee's Fix-It Clinic is a Hit

By Marsha Mauchley Taylorsville Green Committee Member

The Taylorsville Green Committee held its third annual Fix-it Clinic in October, with the goal of promoting awareness of how fixing broken household items can save time and money. The key is to reuse.

Some of the items the committee has repaired include chainsaws, lamps, sewing machines, electric fans, clocks, garden trimmers, small tables, bicycles and food hydrators.

The Green Committee is considering holding more than one such clinic a year. The committee meets every third Friday at 5:30 p.m. at Taylorsville City Hall, and welcomes new members. Bring your ideas!

